French Federation reveals dates of all Paris runway seasons for 2023

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The Federation de la Haute Couture et de la Mode, which controls all runway seasons in Paris, has revealed the dates of all the Paris runway seasons for 2023.
The exact dates did not come as a major surprise, but the announcement did underline the determination of the Federation to continue to stage extensive catwalk seasons in the French capital.

All told, Paris holds six runway seasons annually, two each for women’s ready-to-wear, menswear and haute couture. Added together that will mean 38 days of shows in 2023, by far the largest number of any fashion capital, and another reminder of Paris’ pre-eminent position in the industry and creatively.

As the planet and fashion emerges from the pandemic, the announcement was also a reminder of the French fashion establishment’s commitment to live shows and presentations.

“We are pleased to inform you of the official dates validated by the Boards of Directors of the Chambres Syndicales de la Mode Masculine and Mode Féminine and the Committee of the Chambre Syndicale de la Haute Couture for the year 2023,” the Federation said in a release.

The dates for menswear are as follows: from Tuesday, January 17 to Sunday, January 22; and from June 20 to Sunday, June 25.
Haute couture, the highest expression of fashion creativity, and a season unique to Paris, has the following dates: Monday, January 23 to Thursday, January 26; and Monday, July 3 to Thursday, July 6.

While women's ready-to-wear shows – featuring stellar global marques like Chanel, Christian Dior and Louis Vuitton, among others - will be staged from Monday, February 27 to Tuesday, March 7; and from Monday, September 25 to Tuesday, October 3.

Inscription on the official show calendars is a jealously guarded right, which can only be approved by the vetting committees of the Federation, which receive literally hundreds of requests annually. The two ready-to-wear committees are composed of a selection of editors, buyers, experts and sages based in Paris, while the committee for haute couture is only made up of existing and established Paris couture houses.

Entrance is a precious victory for any designer or brand.

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